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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

MONZER R. CHORBAJI

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 October 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/22/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This final action is in response to the amendment/arguments received on 01/22/2007

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Collingwood (U.S.P.N. 5,662,835).

Regarding claims 1, 13, 25 and 37, Collingwood discloses a dispenser (figure 1) that includes the following: housing (figure 1:5 and 2), a fan mounted to the housing (figure 1:4), a liquid fragrance or insecticide (col.1, lines 3-6), a porous wick (figure 4:14) that extends between the volatile liquid (figure 1:7) and the air stream created by the fan and a container with an aperture (figure 3:7 and 17) that is capable of being refilled (figure 1:7 and col.4, lines 44-50) that it is insertable into the dispenser (figure 1:15 and 14). Collingwood container is capable of being filled to any volume of volatile liquid, with any type of liquid and also is capable of holding various types of wicks such that intended use does not further limit the scope of the current claims. See MPEP 2114 and MPEP 2112.01.

Regarding claims 2-3, 7-8, 10, 14-15, 20-21, 23, 26-27, 31-32, 34, 38-39, 44-45 and 47, Collingwood container is capable of being filled with various types of volatile

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liquids having different chemical and physical properties. See MPEP 2114 and MPEP 2112.01.

Regarding claims 4, 6, 12, 17, 19, 24, 28, 30, 36, 41, 43 and 48, Collingwood device is capable of performing such properties. See MPEP 2114.

Regarding claims 5, 9, 11, 16, 18, 22, 29, 33, 35, 40, 42 and 46, Collingwood discloses the following: intermittent air stream (col.2, lines 38-43), container is releasably placed into the housing (figure 1:15 and 14), wick is in alignment with the fan (figure 1:4 and figure 5:14 and 7) and the use of a fan (figure 1:4).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed on 01/22/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

All of Applicant's arguments on pages 9-11 of the Remarks/Arguments section are not directed toward differences in structural limitations between the instant claims and the prior art as required by the MPEP when evaluating apparatus claims. However, instead the arguments are directed toward intended usages (type of the volatile liquid) that do not further limit the scope of the claims at hand. See MPEP 2114.

Conclusion

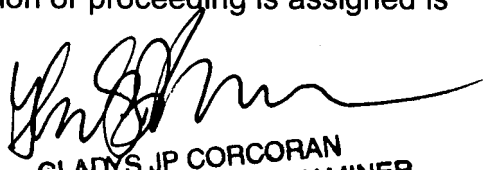
4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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5. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MONZER R. CHORBAJI whose telephone number is (571) 272-1271. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, GLADYS J. CORCORAN can be reached on (571) 272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


GLADYS JP CORCORAN
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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